

Amendment & Response to
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49 A process for the preparation of an herbicidally effective clomazone composition comprising microencapsulating clomazone by interfacial polymerization to form plural cured microcapsules comprising a polyurea shell wall surrounding encapsulated material comprising clomazone, wherein said herbicidally effective clomazone composition has a clomazone volatility less than that of an emulsifiable concentrate of clomazone containing a corresponding concentration of clomazone.

REMARKS

This reissue application is related to low volatility formulations of microencapsulated clomazone. The unique formulations provide reduced volatility when compared with an emulsifiable concentrate formulation of clomazone.

Claims 1-47 are pending in this reissue application. As background, the '780 patent contained fourteen claims as issued. Applicants amended claims 1-14, as issued, and added new claims 15-47 when this reissue application was filed. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on May 27, 1999 wherein Applicants requested cancellation of claims 22-47 and addition of new claims 48-64. However, it is our understanding from several teleconferences with the Examiner that the Preliminary Amendment was never matched to the file and, accordingly, the amendments requested therein were never made in the record. As such, it has been confirmed by the Examiner that the Examiner did substantively review claims 1-47 in the outstanding Office